

June 16, 1947

First National Bank of Denver  
Denver, Colorado

Attn: Mr. Davis W. Moore

Gentlemen:

Recently you sent out a circular to your friends describing the exhibition of the money of Clark, Gruber & Co. at the bank. Being a numismatic enthusiast, I was very much interested in your circular and would have been pleased to visit the exhibition.

What I am wondering is whether you know of the existence of a \$1.00 Clark, Gruber & Co. note dated November 1, 1862, issued at Leavenworth, Kansas, as circulating currency of the bank. This is in my collection and, from information I have been able to gather, I believe it is unique. I sent a photostatic copy of it to the Museum in Denver when I noted that they had a \$5.00 note. I assume your \$5.00 note is the same issue as theirs. I would be interested in knowing whether you have the note to which I refer.

I am sure there is included in your collection the copper patterns of coins issued by Clark, Gruber & Co. If not, I believe some are obtainable here in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

# The First National Bank of Denver, Colorado

Denver, Colorado

THEODORE C. COBB,  
ASST. CASHIER

June 18th, 1947

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Moore has let me read your interesting letter of June 16th and has asked me to reply to it, perhaps because I am interested in such things and have become more or less officially the custodian of the interesting things regarding our history that we have been able to assemble.

It is our present intention to show interesting pieces from our collection annually during our anniversary week of May 10th, and, if the collection should grow enough in size, to some day have it on permanent display in a "History Room" such as that of the "Wells Fargo Bank" in San Francisco.

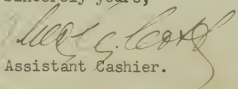
We are still weak on reliable information concerning Clark, Gruber and Company's Denver notes. For example, we do not know for sure whether or not the Denver notes ever actually circulated. Our \$5.00 "Denver" copy is unsigned and I believe the State Museum copy is also unsigned. They are the only two Denver notes of which we know, although we have heard unconfirmed rumors of the existence of others.

We were greatly interested to learn of your "Leavenworth" note of which we had no previous knowledge. Is it signed? Do you know whether the "Leavenworth" notes were actually in circulation? #4815

We do have copper patterns but do not believe them to be complete. We have the 1861's complete, i.e., \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00, but of the 1860's only the \$10.00 and \$20.00. Our specimen of the \$20.00 differs in design from the \$20.00 gold piece as issued and we assume came from an unaccepted die. Ours were purchased in a Mehl sale a few years ago for \$42.00 for the six or \$7.00 average per piece. I have no idea whether it was a bargain or not. We would like very much to complete one set of the patterns and would appreciate your letting us know if you should run across any of our missing items there.

There are enclosed two more copies of our folder for your personal use or to pass on to "numismatic" friends.

Sincerely yours,

  
Assistant Cashier.

TC/s

June 24, 1947

First National Bank of Denver  
Terminal Annex Box 5590  
Denver 17, Colorado

Attn: Mr. Theodore C. Cobb

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Your letter of June 18, 1947 was very interesting to me.

As to the Denver notes of Clark, Gruber & Co., they are not listed in any Bank Note Reporter I know of, but since Western notes are extremely incomplete in Bank Note Reporters I make no assumption on that omission. The Leavenworth note which I have is signed in longhand "Clark, Gruber & Co." It is No. 4515, and I therefore assumed that it was in circulation. It may be that because Colorado was a federal territory the issuance of notes was not legal and no permission was obtained, whereas the situation might have been different in Kansas.

The copper patterns which you have are all of those which I know of. I have never seen a \$2.50 or \$5.00 piece of 1860. All of the pattern \$20.00 pieces of 1860 contain the crude triangular mountain. Your purchase of these patterns was a very excellent one as they bring much more today.

I have asked a coin company here in the city to send to you on approval gilt patterns, which are many times rarer than the copper patterns. These coins are the copper patterns on which a plating of gilt is placed before striking, and I believe they will be very interesting to you if you are trying to complete your collection. I will be on the lookout for any other items you are missing.

If you care to plate my Leavenworth note on exhibit next year, or if you wish to see it, you are more than welcome to do so. It is one of the unusual notes among almost 10,000 different which I have in my collection.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

# The First National Bank of Denver, Colorado

Denver, Colorado

THEODORE C. COBB,  
ASST CASHIER

June 30th, 1947

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,  
315 Washington Ave.,  
St. Louis, Missouri


Dear Mr. Newman:

I am today sending the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company a check for the two gilt patterns which we were very glad to obtain.

Please accept our thanks for your kindness in locating them for us as well as your generous offer of the loan of your Clark, Gruber "Leavenworth" note, which offer we will accept at the first opportunity.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Assistant Cashier.

TC/s

**EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.**

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July 29, 1968

First National Bank of Denver  
Denver, Colorado

Gentlemen:

Would you be nice enough to send me the Centennial History of your bank which was published, originally, in 1960. I understand it has been reprinted.

I will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 2, 1962

First National City Bank  
55 Wall Street  
New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

This is an inquiry for your Historical Department.

I have acquired, for my collection, a box for the delivery of United States money from the Assistant Treasurer at New York in 1875. It is addressed to "Peter Lewis, First National Bank, No. 1 Exchange Place, New York".

Would you be nice enough to look in your archives and see whether the address of the First National Bank of New York was at that address at that time and what position Peter Lewis might have held in the bank. I will be grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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